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FOR A - L. SCHWARTZ

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TAGS: OREP (MANSFIELD, MIKEW, BM

SUBJECT: CODEL MANSFIELD; ADMINISTRATIVE AND PRESS ARRANGEMENTS;
TENTATIVE ITINERARY

REF: STATE 179991

1. FOLLOWING IS REVIEW OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND TENTATIVE ITINERARY FOR CODEL MANSFIELD VISIT. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTRY TO PASS ON THE SENATOR'S REQUEST TO SEE PRESIDENT NE WIN. THEY WERE CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT A CALL WOULD BE POSSIBLE SINCE SENATOR EVIDENTLY DID SEE HIM ON TWO PREVIOUS VISITS; THEY HAVE PROMISED REPLY AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

HOUSING: MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE AT THE INYA LAKE HOTEL HAVE DETERIORATED IN RECENT YEARS AND IT IS THE CONSIDERED OPINION OF THE EMBASSY THAT, WITH THE BEST WILL IN THE WORLD, THE HOTEL CANNOT GUARANTEE CONSISTENT AIR CONDITIONING. THE EMBASSY, THEREFORE, PROPOSES THAT THE SENATOR AND MRS. MANSFIELD, MRS. SAHAGIAN,

MR. VALEO, AND LT. CMDR LOWE STAY AT THE RESIDENCE. WHILE THIS WILL SEPARATE THE PARTY, WE CAN ENSURE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT. FURTHERMORE, THE RESIDENCE IS CLOSER THAN THE HOTEL TO THE EMBASSY MEDICAL FACILITY. FOR JONES AND SCHWARTZ WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THEY ACCEPT ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE EMBASSY'S GUEST HOUSE WHERE
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FOOD AND LAUNDRY SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE. IT IS ONLY FIVE MINUTE

DRIVE FROM THE RESIDENCE. PLEASE ADVISE.

TRANSPORT: TWO VEHICLES WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THOSE STAYING AT RESIDENCE AND ONE TO THOSE AT THE GUEST HOUSE, IF ABOVE ACCEPTABLE.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS: CONTROL CENTER WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT RESIDENCE WITH OFFICE SUPPLIES, ETC. AND WILL BE MANNED DURING DAY. AN AMERICAN DUTY SECRETARY WILL BE AVAILABLE ON CALL.

ARRIVAL TIME: WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF ARRIVAL TIME RANGOON. STATE 179991 GIVES 2020 HOURS (LOCAL) WHILE AIR FORCE FLIGHT CLEARANCE MESSAGE SHOWS 1930 HOURS LOCAL. PLEASE ADVISE.

PRESS RELATIONS: WHILE EMBASSY AGREES THAT PRESS CONTACTS WOULD PROBABLY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, THE VISIT CANNOT GO UNREMARKED (PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE SPARE CODEL POPULATION OF RECENT YEARS) AND A SHORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT WOULD HELP DAMPEN UNWARRENTED SPECULATION. IF PARTY WISHES TO SUPPLY STATEMENT, EMBASSY WILL DISTRIBUTE TO PRESS ALONG WITH USIS PHOTOS OF ARRIVAL. IF NOT, EMBASSY PROPOSES TO DRAFT STATEMENT AND CLEAR WITH SENATOR MANSFIELD. TO WHAT EXTENT GUB PLANS TO PUBLICIZE VISIT THROUGH GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED PRESS IS NOT YET KNOWN BUT IN ANY CASE SUCH COVERAGE WOULD BE NEITHER CRITICAL NOR CONTROVERSIAL.

FYI: GUB MAY PLAY VISIT UP SOMEWHAT TO OFFSET RECENT AND FORTHCOMING VISITS OF HIGH GUB OFFICIALS TO MOSCOW AND PEKING, END FYI.

PROPOSED ITINERY: FOLLOWING IS GENERAL OUTLINE OF SUGGESTED ITINERARY WHICH IS OF COURSE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION PENDING ON HOW PRESIDENT NE WIN RESPONDS TO SENATOR'S REQUEST.

AUGUST 7

EARLY EVENING - ARRIVE RANGOON, PROCEED DIRECTLY TO RESIDENCE.
REMAINDER OF EVENING FREE FOR PARTY TO REST. LIGHT SUPPER
WILL BE AVAILABLE AT RESIDENCE SHOULD CODEL SO DESIRE.

AUGUST 8

0930 - BRIEFING AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE WITH SENIOR EMBASSY

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OFFICERS.

AFTERNOON - FREE FOR SHOPPING AND SIGHTSEEING.

EVENING - CHARGE' HOSTS CHINESE DINNER AT RESIDENCE WITH
BURMESE GUESTS.

AUGUST 9

TOUR OF SHWEDAGON PAGODA IN RANGOON

EVENING - RECEPTION AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE HOSTED BY CHARGE'

FOR BURMESE GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS

AUGUST 10

FREE DAY OR VISIT TO CITY OF PEGU AND ITS BUDDHIST TEMPLES,
APPROXIMATELY ONE AND A HALF HOURS FROM RANGOON BY CAR.
TRIP DEPENDENT ON WEATHER; WE ARE IN MIDST OF MONSOON SEASON
ALTHOUGH SOME DAYS HAVE BEEN FAIRLY CLEAR.
EVENING - FREE.

OTHER RECREATION: CODEL MEMBERS CAN HAVE ACCESS TO RANGOON GOLF
CLUB IF THEY DESIRE. THERE ARE TENNIS COURTS ON THE RESIDENCE
GROUNDS, AND A SWIMMING POOL AT THE AMERICAN CLUB FIVE MINUTES
FROM THE RESIDENCE. ALSO AVAILABLE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF
COMMERCIAL FILMS FOR SHOWING AT RESIDENCE.

2. WE HAVE JUST BEEN ADVISED INFORMALLY BY FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT
NE WIN MAY WISH HOST DINNER FOR SENATOR AUGUST 8, 9 OR 10.
WILL CONFIRM WHEN POSSIBLE.
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